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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PP, UR, CH, FR
SUBJECT: SOVIETS, PRC AND FRANCE TO OPEN MISSIONS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER OLEWALE TOLD ME VERY CONFIDENTIALLY
LAST NIGHT AT A RECEPTION THAT HE HAD THAT DAY GIVEN
PERMISSION FOR THE USSR, PRC AND FRANCE TO OPEN RESIDENT
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PORT MORESBY. HE SAID ALL THREE
HAD BEEN ON HIS BACK ON THIS QUESTION SINCE HE BECAME
FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SAID HIS DECISION WOULD CREATE SOME
PROBLEMS, BUT ADDED THAT THESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO LEARN
TO BEHAVE IN THE PACIFIC WAY IF THEY WANTED TO STAY HERE.

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2. COMMENT: ALL THREE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN PRESSING
TO ESTABLISH MISSIONS SINCE INDEPENDENCE (SEPTEMBER 1975)
AND IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE GPNG WOULD AT SOME POINT
AGREE. FIRST (TO OUR KNOWLEDGE) PUBLIC SHOWING OF
SOVIET FILMS TOOK PLACE HERE LAST WEEK, AND PRESUMABLY
THIS WAS BEGINNING OF THEIR CULTURAL PROGRAM HERE.

3. AT INDEPENDENCE PORT MORESBY HAD SEVEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, U.K., JAPAN, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES AND U.S.) PLUS TWO INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES (UNDP AND WHO). SINCE INDEPENDENCE VATICAN AND EEC HAVE ESTABLISHED MISSIONS. HENCE THREE NEW MISSIONS WILL BE DISTINCT INCREASE IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS. ALL THREE WILL FACE HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE PROBLEMS. EVEN THOUGH THREE NEW MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE JUST NOW OPENING TO OCCUPANCY, EEC MISSION IS UNABLE TO FIND OFFICE SPACE. HOUSING IS TIGHT AND RENTS WILL ESCALATE AS OFFICIALS OF THREE NEW MISSIONS SEEK ACCOMMODATION. OLMSTED

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